

Sheffield and Falkner Islands  
Preserved Forever!



On August 2, The Nature Conservancy purchased 47 wooded acres of Sheffield Island off Norwalk, Connecticut, the third of four acquisitions necessary to complete the Connecticut Coastal National Wildlife Refuge (see article below).

Photo courtesy of Connecticut Coastal Management Program, DEP

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## TWO HISTORIC VICTORIES FOR THE CONSERVANCY

The Trustees and staff are pleased to announce two recent accomplishments in which you, our members and friends, rightly share the credit: the permanent protection of Falkner Island in Guilford and Sheffield Island in Norwalk.

On July 29, ownership of Falkner was transferred from the Coast Guard to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), bringing the Connecticut Coastal National Wildlife Refuge to fifty percent completion. Four days later, following months of tough negotiating, the Conservancy bought Sheffield Island for \$625,000, well below its fair-market value. FWS intends to buy Sheffield from TNC if Congress appropriates the money for fiscal 1986.

Our purchase of Sheffield, which lies near Chimon Island in Long Island Sound, is a significant conservation achievement. To accomplish it, the Chapter has taken out a loan from the Richard K. Mellon Foundation, Pittsburg, covering part of the costs. We must raise \$380,000 by year's end to pay off the entire debt.

The two pre-eminent champions of the Connecticut Coastal National Wildlife Refuge are Congressman Stewart B. McKinney and Congressman Bruce A. Morrison. Both men were deeply involved in the negotiations that helped TNC protect these two scenic and biologically vital places, as they were with our earlier victory at Chimon. They had

### THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AT WORK

	Nationally	In Connecticut
Total Projects	5,064	338
Total Acres Saved	2,497,715	15,597
Tracts registered	366	17
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Members	251,501	7,974
Corporate Associates	435	18

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substantial assistance from Senator Lowell Weicker. All three are winners of the Conservancy's Certificate of Special Recognition, as is Governor William O'Neill, who gave early and unwavering support to the concept. The Connecticut Congressional delegation voted unanimously to authorize the refuge, the first to be established on the northeast coast in ten years.



With the assistance of The Nature Conservancy, Falkner Island, breeding ground of the rare roseate tern, was transferred from the U.S. Coast Guard to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on July 29 for inclusion in the Connecticut Coastal National Wildlife Refuge. Photo by Clay Taylor

As in some earlier important refuge actions, the Conservancy was joined by numerous other organizations and agencies, including Connecticut Audubon Society, Connecticut Fund for the Environment, the Council of Audubon Societies, Little Harbor Laboratory, Menunketuck Audubon Society, National Audubon Society, the United States Coast Guard, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. We offer sincere thanks to them one and all.

The Chapter expresses its appreciation to these people, without whom the Sheffield and Falkner victories would not have occurred: Bill Ashe, Charlie Blair, Miley Bull, Sally Bolster, Marshal Case, Dan Cinotti and his Guilford High students, Peter Cooper and the Chapter Acquisition and Development Committee, Virginia Corbiere, Marilyn Cruz, Nora Engel, Charlie Estes, Chapter Chairman Alexander Gardner, Don Knowles, Bill Meezan, Phil Palmer, Alan Poole, Sally Richards and her Little Harbor Laboratory staff, John Reiger, Tony Roda, Ron Roscza, Andy Schwarz, Neil Sigmon, Fred Sibley of Yale Peabody Museum, Jeff Spendelow of Pautuxent Laboratory, Phil Tabas, Barbara Wainman, Nat Williams, Bill Woodward, and Julie Zickefoose.

And, not least, we thank *you*, our members and friends. Your past support has made possible the continuing success of the Conservancy's Connecticut Critical Areas Program. Besides the normal load of conservation acquisitions, all of us can point proudly to having saved Chimon, Falkner and Sheffield islands in under one year!

The Conservancy paid \$1.8 million for Chimon and Sheffield, and nothing for Falkner, gaining protection for as much as \$3.7 to \$4.2 million worth of property, not including the yet unappraised value of Falkner. That represents a return of from 206% to 233% or more on your charitable dollar!

More importantly, you have helped save forever an enormous amount of unpriced — and unpriceable — biological capital. Who can say what a species is worth?

If you have been considering a major capital gift to the Conservancy, now may be the time for you. We hope that everyone else will continue supporting our other vital need, through regular contributions to the fall and spring operating appeals or through membership as a Chapter Acorn. As always, we promise to make your donations of cash, appreciated securities and real estate work hard to preserve the beauty and biotic integrity of Connecticut.

Thank you for all your help.

W. Kent Olson  
Executive Director



U.S. Rep. Bruce A. Morrison (left) was presented a Nature Conservancy award on July 29 by U.S. Rep. Stewart B. McKinney (speaking), which reads as follows: "Working in cooperation with his colleagues in the United States House of Representatives and with the Governor of Connecticut, as well as with agency officials, representatives of the non-profit sector, and other elected leaders, Congressman Bruce Morrison has helped make possible the protection of Falkner Island, now permanently included in the Connecticut Coastal National Wildlife Refuge. For his tangible and enduring commitment to a healthy environment, and for his understanding of the need to preserve biotic diversity in this state and across the nation, The Nature Conservancy, through its Connecticut Chapter is pleased to confer upon Congressman Morrison this Certificate of Special Recognition." William C. Ashe (right), Deputy Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northeast Region, and McKinney are both previous recipients of the award. W. Kent Olson, Executive Director, Connecticut Chapter, TNC, looks on.

Photo by Andrea Laubach



Charles Blair (left) and James Munson (center), who will share responsibility for managing the Connecticut Coastal National Wildlife Refuge, relax with David Warren, Connecticut Critical Areas Director, TNC, at the July 29 dedication of the addition of Falkner Island to the Refuge.

Photo by Andrea Laubach



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# Wildlife Refuge Being Developed

HARTFORD, Conn. (UPI) — A new wildlife refuge is being developed on the Connecticut coast to protect rare nesting birds, Rep. Stewart B. McKinney, R-Conn., says. McKinney announced Friday that both H. Dole signed papers this week transferring Falkner's Island to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the wildlife refuge.

The island, off Guilford, has been owned by the U.S. Coast Guard, which will continue to operate a light-house on the island, a mooring area for boats and a small farm, McKinney said.

# Conservancy buys island for preserve

Earlier this week, the Nature Conservancy purchased a 4.5-acre parcel on the island, which will be used as a preserve.

# State's coastal refuge acquires tiny island

GUILFORD (AP) — Bruce A. Morrison, head of the Nature Conservancy, announced the purchase of a tiny island in the state's coastal refuge.

# The Hartford

## Third Site Bought for Bird Refuge

By PAUL FRIEDMAN  
Connecticut Staff Writer

NORWALK — The Nature Conservancy paid \$600,000 Friday for a third site on Sheffield Island, which will be used as a bird refuge.

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breeding ground, he said, will be the feeding ground for such birds as herons, cormorants and terns.

# New Haven Register

## Sheffield Island to be sanctuary

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# Island Now a Refuge

GUILFORD — The Nature Conservancy has purchased a 4.5-acre parcel on Sheffield Island, which will be used as a refuge for birds.

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# Environment notes

# Sheffield Island added to wildlife refuge

The acquisition of Sheffield Island by the Nature Conservancy last week puts the island in the refuge.

# Yours, mine and ours

# The ADVOCAATE

# Journal-Courier

# Congressmen attend Guilford ceremony

# Falkner Island granted

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Some of the best conservation news of 1985 came when, in the space of one week, The Nature Conservancy succeeded in purchasing critical acreage on Norwalk's Sheffield Island, and assisted in the transfer of Guilford's Falkner Island to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Those actions, in effect, bring the Connecticut Coastal National Wildlife Refuge to 75 percent completion in under one year.

Collage by Bonnie Kier





Illustration by Allen Carroll

## The Nature Conservancy's BURNHAM BROOK PRESERVE

*An old abandoned roadbed, filled with hay-scented fern ... a brook tumbling over broad, flat slabs of ancient gneiss ... trails carpeted with yellow, round-leaved violets in April ... a stand of beeches, coppery-green in early November ... below the ledges, the dry buzz of a worm-eating warbler along the wooded slopes ... in the open woods, the squeaky, running notes of a blue-gray gnat-catcher ... in early Spring the small yellow blossoms of spicebush throughout. ...*

### BURNHAM BROOK PRESERVE GAINS ADDITIONS

#### Richard and Esther Goodwin Woodlands

More than 300 people gathered at Dolbia Hill Farm, East Haddam, on Saturday, September 14 to celebrate the addition of the Richard and Esther Goodwin Woodland to the Burnham Brook Preserve. This 150-acre property, which had been under lease to the Conservancy, was given to the Chapter by the Goodwins earlier this year. This gift brings to 413 the number of acres protected at Burnham Brook.

The Burnham Brook Preserve was officially established in 1960 by a gift of 46 acres from Richard and Esther Goodwin. Since that time, thanks to the continued generosity of the Goodwins, plus donations from other landowners, Burnham Brook has grown to be one of the Connecticut Chapter's largest preserves. Joining the Goodwins in donating land or easements are nine others: Dr. John M. Ide, Mrs. Gertrude and Miss Edith Lefebvre, Mrs. Patricia Pindar, Dr. and Mrs. Philip H. Jordan, Jr., Miss Marilyn Conklin, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kashanski.

Burnham Brook has been carefully managed by the Conservancy as a natural area dedicated to scientific research. Over the past twenty years, extensive species inventories and bird censuses have been done. The inventory lists, which increase each year, now include more than 500 different species of plants and animals. Under Dick Goodwin's leadership, Burnham Brook has become one of the Conservancy's best documented preserves. We are enormously grateful to Dick and Esther Goodwin not just for Burnham

Brook, but for all they have done and continue to do to advance the interrelated causes of conservation, education, and research. Better friends nature never had.



William D. Blair, Jr. (left), President of The Nature Conservancy, and W. Kent Olson (right), Executive Director, Connecticut Chapter, TNC, present a congratulatory resolution from the national Board of Governors to Richard and Esther Goodwin at the Chapter's annual meeting September 14 (see accompanying article). Photo by Andrea Laubach

#### Falvey Purchase

In June, the Chapter acquired a critical inholding on the Burnham Brook Preserve with the purchase of 2.3 acres from Robert and Richard Falvey of Norwich. The Falvey property, completely surrounded by the Conservancy-owned Burnham Brook preserve, is part of the headwaters of the Strong Brook watershed, a tributary of Burnham Brook. The Conservancy paid \$17,000 for the property, approximately 80% of its assessed value.

Commented Peter Cooper, Chairman of the Acquisition and Development Committee, "We are indebted to the Falveys for their generosity and support. Given the location of their land along Dolbia Hill Road, residential development could have been an attractive alternative. Their desire to see the property remain in its natural state is commendable and we are delighted to be able to add this land to the Burnham Brook preserve."



## 1985 ANNUAL MEETING

A beautiful cool sunny day greeted the crowd of more than three hundred that turned out for the Connecticut Chapter's annual meeting and celebration of the addition of the Richard and Esther Goodwin Woodland to the Burnham Brook Preserve on September 14 in East Haddam. Many came promptly at 10:30 a.m. to hear Dick Lucius discuss his longtime experience in working with raptors. It was a thrill to see up close a red tailed hawk, prairie falcon, screech owl, great horned owl, and golden eagle.



Dick Lucius, a master falconer, presented five live birds of prey, including the 13-pound female golden eagle pictured above, at the Chapter's 25th annual membership meeting. The eagle is held under a special permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Photo by Andrea Laubach

Chapter Chairman Alex Gardner welcomed the assemblage and opened the business meeting. Reelected as officers to serve a one-year term were Alexander Gardner, Chairman; Peter Neill, Vice Chairman; John Blum, Treasurer; and Peter Cooper, Secretary. Austin D. Barney, II of West Simsbury was elected to a three-year term to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Barney is the President of Farmvest, Inc., President of Folly Farm, Inc., and a director of the Sunny Valley Foundation. Reelected to serve second three-year terms were Rufus Barringer and Sarah Richards. Retiring Board of Trustees members Mrs. Harvey Gaylord and Richard H. Goodwin were thanked for their many contributions and longtime service.

A proposed amendment to Article IV of the Articles of Association was approved by the membership. Copies are available in the Chapter office. Highlights of the Chapter's program for 1985 were reported by Rufus Barringer (finances) and Peter Neill (land acquisition).

Following a barbecue picnic lunch, ceremonies resumed. President William D. Blair, Jr. presented certificates of special recognition to Geoffrey Baker, Frank and Polly Calhoun, the Housatonic Valley Association, Mary Mushinsky, Bruce and Edith Smart, and Dana and Dot Waring. The White Oak Award, given annually by the Connecticut Chapter to volunteers who have made outstanding personal contributions to the Conservancy's land management program was presented to Nancy Faesy and the stewardship committee of the Weir-Leary-Anna White Preserve in Wilton, Connecticut.



This year's recipient of the Chapter's White Oak Award was the Weir-Leary-Anna White Preserve Committee. Committee Chairman Nancy Faesy (right) accepted the award on their behalf from (left to right) W. Kent Olson and Alexander Gardner of the Connecticut Chapter and William D. Blair, Jr., President, TNC. Photo by Andrea Laubach

There followed a celebration for the addition of the Richard and Esther Goodwin Woodland to the Burnham Brook Preserve. Tributes to Dick and Esther and their years of outstanding service to The Nature Conservancy and to the conservation movement at large were given by Mr. Blair, Dr. William Niering, Chairman Gardner, and Executive Director W. Kent Olson.

The meeting concluded with a selection of walks in the Burnham Brook Preserve by leaders Allen Carroll, Lauren Brown, Steve Gephard, Dick Goodwin, Jr., Jay Hand, Barbara Kashanski, Beth Lapin, Debbie Lee, Bill Niering, Tom Siccama, and Julie Zickefoose.



Dr. William A. Niering (top photo), Professor of Botany, Connecticut College, spoke in tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Goodwin at the Chapter's annual meeting. He remarked on their decades of service to conservation generally and to The Nature Conservancy in particular. Over 300 people gathered for the September 14th meeting which also celebrated four additions to Burnham Brook Preserve, two of which were donations from the Goodwins. Photos by Andrea Laubach



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Periodically the Conservancy's staff and national Board of Governors go through a strategic planning cycle that results in a major new plan designed to guide the entire organization in the succeeding five years.

The national planning process is going on now. A preliminary report was given to the membership at the annual meeting in Orlando on October 4. The final plan goes into effect in June, 1986.

The new plan contemplates protecting nationally, over the next five to ten years, the 1,000 highest priority natural areas. The investment? One billion dollars! The "how" includes quadrupling current membership to one million, and making appropriate changes in organizational structure to achieve the greatly expanded goals.

In Connecticut, we have been quite pleased with our achievements recently, and by past standards we are entitled to be. But if we are to keep pace with National's new plan (and we always like to think of Connecticut as doing *better* than just keeping pace) then we, too, will need to think about a tripling or quadrupling of our land preservation, fundraising, and membership goals between now and 1990-1995.

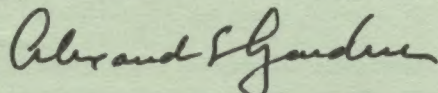
We will soon begin our own Connecticut Chapter strategic planning process, to translate national policy into local action. It's an exciting and very challenging prospect. Can we increase our membership from 8,000 to 25,000? — and our annual fundraising capacity to \$2-3 million?

In the last analysis, it all comes down to how much our members and members-to-be want it done. You have supported your Chapter handsomely thus far. We who are your trustees would now like to know how you feel about helping the Chapter to move onto an even faster track in its race to preserve the best of our remaining natural diversity.

### May We Hear From You?

As we begin our strategic planning process it would be most helpful to us to hear from as many of our members as possible — whether you have been directly active or not. How are we doing? What should we do better, or do more of? We need your thoughts, before we begin setting our Chapter's priorities for the next several years.

I would appreciate your taking time to jot a note to me (or to any one of our staff) at our Middletown office. We will acknowledge receipt, and we will use your ideas in planning your Chapter's future. Thank you.



Alexander S. Gardner  
Chairman

## SCS AND TNC COOPERATE IN SECOND CHAPMAN'S PURCHASE

The Chapter recently exercised an option to purchase 20 additional acres at the Conservancy's Cynthia B. Carlson Preserve at Chapman's Pond, East Haddam. The addition provides important buffer to two branches of a tributary that feeds Chapman's, a tidally-regulated freshwater lake on the Connecticut River flood plain. Home to hundreds of species of flora and fauna, the pond is part of a spectacularly wild landscape accessible by canoe from Goodspeed Landing. (Consult *Country Walks in Connecticut: A Guide to The Nature Conservancy Preserves*, \$6.95 plus tax at bookstores, or \$5.95 for members plus \$1.45 for tax and handling through Chapter headquarters.)

In 1982, the Chapter raised \$700,000 for the purchase and management of the 300-acre Carlson Preserve. The acquisition was a conservation project of TNC, the Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D), the United States Soil Conservation Service (SCS), the Connecticut River Gateway Commission, and the East Haddam Land Trust.

The present addition will cost \$85,000, of which \$61,000 is in hand. "Once again, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service has come to the rescue, this time with a \$17,000 grant to help buy the addition," said Chairman Alexander Gardner. SCS contributed \$205,000 through RC&D to help establish the original preserve.

Chapter Trustee Rufus Barringer of Hadlyme said: "This purchase represents the Chapter's commitment to the hard work of filling out the ecological boundaries that make the sanctuary viable. We hope that one or two generous individuals will step forward to donate the remaining \$24,000."

## APPRECIATED SECURITIES

Do you own stocks, bonds, or other securities? And has the value of your holdings gone up recently? It's happening to many people.

The tax laws give you a great incentive to make gifts of such appreciated securities, as well as real estate and personal property. If you have held securities or property for more than six months and you give them to The Nature Conservancy, you can take as a deduction against your current income the full present market value of the donated asset. You avoid capital gains tax on the appraised value. And you may be able to reduce significantly your current income tax liability.

This represents a real opportunity for those who wish to help the Conservancy by making a significant gift to the Connecticut Critical Areas Program. Could this be the time for you?

When you give appreciated securities or real property, you don't have to worry about how to come up with the cash. The Conservancy handles the selling and the details. Our staff can work with your lawyer or accountant to devise the best plan for you. If interested, please call Ken Olson or David Warren at the Connecticut Chapter office (344-0716). Your inquiry will be handled in full confidence.





Chapter Chairman Alexander Gardner received the Conservancy's prestigious Oak Leaf Award at TNC's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, in October. Participating in the award ceremony were (left to right) W. Kent Olson, William D. Blair, Jr., Alexander Gardner, Jon Roush, (Chairman, Board of Governors); Richard Goodwin, Philip Tabas (Legal Counsel, Eastern Region), and David Warren. Photo by Ann Kindell

## GARDNER TAKES TOP TNC NATIONAL HONOR

Connecticut Chapter Chairman Alexander Gardner has received The Nature Conservancy's prestigious Oak Leaf award. Given each year to a handful of volunteers across America, the award recognizes distinguished contributions to TNC's efforts to protect the beauty and biotic integrity of our natural landscape. At a ceremony in Orlando, Florida, during TNC's recent annual meeting, Conservancy President Bill Blair and Chairman Jon Roush presented the traditional oak leaf lapel pin to Gardner and the other winners.

Gardner joined the Connecticut Chapter board in 1978, after having served earlier as a TNC volunteer in Illinois. He was named Connecticut Chairman in 1982. His professional experience includes stints as a vice president at Bell and Howell, chief of transition staff for United States Senator Charles Percy, founder of a private investment management firm, and vice president of The Hawthorne Group, a Stamford real estate concern. In addition to his volunteer work for TNC, Gardner has served on the boards of the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations and the Chicago Symphony, and is currently a trustee of the Greenwich Land Trust.

"In my book, there is no more worthy volunteer," said Chapter Director Ken Olson. "Alex is a motive force behind every Connecticut Chapter success. He is a thoughtful counsellor to the staff, an energetic fundraiser, a benefactor — in time and dollars — and a very able public spokesman for our business-like brand of conservation. And he enjoys enormous respect among his peers on the Chapter board."

Among Gardner's many noteworthy accomplishments, Olson said, are the creation of the Chapter's Corporate Advisory Board, comprising CEO's and college presidents, and his leadership of the Connecticut Critical Areas Program, the most comprehensive land saving effort ever undertaken by any Connecticut organization, private or public. He continued, "Alexander Gardner is a self-trained naturalist, a fine amateur photographer, a born writer, a person of great sensitivity, and a savvy businessman and real estate strategist. The Chapter is the richer for his volunteerism, and we join

all members in congratulating him."

Previous Connecticut winners of the Oak Leaf award are: Mr. Richard M. Bowers (1963), Mrs. Allan F. Kitchel (1963), Mr. Erard A. Matthiessen (1963), Dr. William A. Niering (1963), Mrs. John M. Hamilton (1964), Mrs. Gloria Anable (1965), Miss Katharine Ordway (1965), Mrs. Agnew Talcott (1966), Mrs. Charles Clark (1968), Mrs. G. William DeSousa (1970), Mr. Alexander Adams (1971), Miss L. Georgia Hundley (1972-73), Mr. Thomas A. Gaines (1974), Mr. Russell L. Brenneman (1975), Dr. Richard H. Goodwin (1980), Mr. Peter B. Cooper (1981).

## SIXTH EASEMENT DONATED AT MOORE BROOK

The Chapter is pleased to report continued success in protecting critical sections of Moore Brook watershed, Salisbury. Johann and Toyoko Brinckmann of New York and Salisbury have given a conservation easement protecting 13 acres of important wetland habitat along the brook's west boundary.

The Conservancy has now secured six conservation easements there, protecting 233 acres of the watershed. Moore Brook is among Connecticut's most unusual and distinctive natural areas. At least eight species known to be rare or endangered in Connecticut have been identified there over the past three years.

Commented David Warren, Director of the Critical Areas Program, "The Chapter is indebted to the Brinckmanns for their generosity and participation in this project. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of them and other landowners and Salisbury residents, much of Moore Brook will remain forever wild. It is a magnificent conservation achievement and one of the Chapter's key accomplishments under its Critical Areas Program.

Management of the Moore Brook easements is the responsibility of The Salisbury Association, one of the state's leading land trusts.

## CONSERVANCY AND LTSB GIVE LAND IN WILTON

The Chapter, through its Land Trust Service Bureau, has donated 52 acres off Mayapple Road to the Wilton Land Conservation Trust. The gift is the largest of three adjoining parcels which TNC has transferred to the trust over a four-year period.

"This acquisition is the high point of the trust's existence," according to Kenneth Pfeiffer, outgoing land trust chairman. "The parcel is just wonderful, with trails, waterways, a beautiful natural swamp, and one of the few remaining meadows in Wilton. We are grateful to Mrs. Janet Gregg-Howell (the original donor), the Connecticut Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and its Land Trust Service Bureau for making this gift to us."

With this addition, the Wilton Land Conservation Trust, now chaired by Martha George, owns about 160 acres.





TNC members and staff participated in a successful effort to relocate a rare *Papaipema* moth along the Housatonic River.

Photo by Alexander Gardner

## TNC MEMBERS FIND RARE MOTH

On July 20, 1985, about a dozen Conservancy members and staff, plus *Hartford Courant* staff, combed stands of ostrich fern along the banks of the Housatonic for a rare moth. The unnamed moth, in the genus *Papaipema*, is known from only a few locations in the world and was last found in Connecticut about 10 years ago.

Dale Schweitzer, from the Conservancy's Boston office, spearheaded the search for upright-dead fronds of the fern. Although the group located many suspicious-looking fronds and patiently poked through nettles and ferns, it was only at the last site that the caterpillar of this moth was located in the heart of the fern root. One of the caterpillars was reared in the laboratory to the adult stage to confirm that it was indeed the rare moth.

"We couldn't have worked as efficiently and successfully as we did without the help of the group," said Beth Lapin, the Chapter's Director of Science and Stewardship, who organized the trip. Members expressed their interest in and appreciation of how scientific research works after their stint in the field. The sweet taste of success surely added to their enjoyment of the day!

## WINTER FIELD TRIP

January 18, 1986: Cross-country skiing, Norfolk, CT

Join Trustee Gene Billings, for a tour of some trails of the Norfolk Land Trust. As president of the land trust, Gene has solidified the relationship between the trust and the Land Trust Service Bureau, operated by the Conservancy under Julie Lewin.

If there is insufficient snow, the group will hike the route. Please dress appropriately; Norfolk is usually 10° colder and often has snow when the rest of the state does not. In case of inclement weather, call Gene between 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the day of the hike at 542-5177.

The group will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the town green on Route 44 in Norfolk. Please bring a bag lunch. Gene will lead both the novice and experienced skier. Beginners will complete their route at lunchtime, while the experienced skiers will continue into the afternoon. Please let Gene know which group you wish to join by writing him at: Sunset Ridge Road, Norfolk, CT 06058.

## FIELD TRIP SUGGESTIONS WANTED

Is there a preserve you would like to visit? One that would make a good field trip? Would you be interested in leading a trip? Organizing one? Please send your ideas to: Field Trip Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy, 55 High Street, Middletown, CT 06457.

## GUIDEBOOK GOES INTO THIRD PRINTING

The Trustees announce with pleasure the third printing of *Country Walks in Connecticut: A Guide to The Nature Conservancy Preserves*, by former Chapter Stewardship Director Susan D. Cooley, co-published by the Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston. "More than 9000 copies are now in print," said Chapter Vice Chairman Peter Neill. "Besides providing a public service, the book is actually earning royalties for the Chapter."

Neill, himself a publishing executive, also said, "The book has proven to be a great fundraising tool as well. Not only were we able to secure a grant — from Kennecott, a subsidiary of SOHIO — to take care of all of the Chapter's front end costs of publishing, but we have also used the guide as a premium in our annual appeals to general members and Acorns. Everyone donating \$100 or more to Chapter operations can elect to get a free book." He noted that the premium has triggered the largest number of \$100-gifts in Chapter history.

The book is available for \$6.95 in bookstores. Members wishing to buy it for \$5.95 (plus \$1.45 tax and shipping) can order from Chapter headquarters. Those who want a free, autographed copy (available with \$100 gifts) should so indicate on the reply envelope that accompanied the Chapter's annual fall appeal, recently mailed to members.

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### About Capital Gifts

The Critical Areas Program comprises land acquisition, scientific inquiry, management of preserves, and administrative costs. We encourage capital donors, when possible, to give to the Connecticut Critical Areas Program without further restricting their contributions, so that no essential need will be unmet. If, however, a donor chooses to earmark a large contribution for a specific component of the Critical Areas Program, we will be pleased to honor the request. If a surplus should occur in the specified account, the surplus will be applied to other needs under the Critical Areas Program.

### About Operating Gifts

Member dues, Acorn contributions, Corporate Associate gifts, and donations to the Chapter's annual appeals support Chapter operations. Without these important contributions, the Conservancy would not be able to negotiate for land or keep the office doors open.

We hope that Conservancy members will, whenever possible, continue to support both needs — through major gifts to capital programs and through regular donations to Chapter operations.

## TAX WATCH . . . ADVISORS SAY 'GIVE NOW'

Proposed changes in our income tax system are likely to affect the rules governing the deductibility of charitable contributions. Although Congress is expected to debate these issues through the balance of the year, it is not clear when a consensus will be reached or what the final recommendations will be. Given these uncertainties, the suggestion from tax advisors generally is to accelerate deductions for this tax year and defer as much income as possible to 1986. If you have been considering a large gift to the Conservancy, you may wish to consult with your counsel and make your contribution this year.

## OVERLOOK ADDED TO ROCK SPRING REFUGE

Rock Spring Wildlife Refuge, in Scotland, Connecticut, has been increased in size to 444 acres, thanks to a recent seven-acre gift from the estate of David O. Shoemaker. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker had donated the original preserve between 1974 and 1976.

Rock Spring is a diverse area with dry ridge tops and rich mixed hardwoods along the Little River. Glacial evidence includes eskers and a kettle hole. Fresh cool water bubbles up from springs. The preserve's rich habitat is also the location of a rare plant, whose identification was documented by the Connecticut Natural Diversity Data Base. In autumn, the view from the overlook extends across eastern Connecticut.



Conservancy's Rock Spring Wildlife Refuge, Scotland, Connecticut.

Photo by George Bellerose

## SALE OF YACHT BENEFITS CONSERVANCY

Last year the Chapter was given two sail boats. One was recently sold, and the proceeds were applied to the Chapter's permanent stewardship fund. The second, a 36-foot, Meadowlark in good condition, is still available at market value. Call our broker, Jeff Northrup, Northrup Yacht Sales, Bridge Square, Westport, 226-1915 for details.



On July 9, Governor William O'Neill signed into law the bill designating Connecticut's first public Museum of Natural History (MNH), Storrs. (The museum will preserve the plants, animals, and geologic artifacts that are part of Connecticut's natural heritage.) Pictured at the signing are (left to right): Beth Lapin, Connecticut Director of Science and Stewardship, TNC; Rep. Irving Stolberg; Diane Blackman, Director, Sierra Club, Connecticut Chapter; David Warren, Director, Connecticut Critical Areas Program, TNC; Joey Corcoran, Director, Connecticut Preservation Action; Carl Rettenmeyer, Director, MNH; John Reiger, Director, Connecticut Audubon Society; Governor O'Neill; Rep. Michael Helfgott; Sen. Eric Benson; Kenneth Andersen, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture; Maryon Attwood, Program Coordinator and Legislative Liaison, MNH; Hugo Thomas, State Geologist and Director, Natural Resources Center, Department of Environmental Protection; Rep. John Savage; John Shannahan, Director, Connecticut Historical Commission; Sen. Cornelius O'Leary.



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We are pleased to count Garden Homes as one of the Chapter's 18 Corporate Associates. A corporation becomes a Corporate Associate by contributing annually \$1,000 in support of Chapter operations.

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That's right... you can literally double the dollar value of your gift to The Nature Conservancy. If you work for one of the companies listed below, your employer, or its foundation, will match your contribution to the Conservancy. Your gift will then go twice as far to save critical natural habitat.

To make your match simply obtain a form from your matching gift coordinator usually in the personnel or community relations department and send it along with your gift. It's as easy as it sounds, so make your dollars double by taking advantage of your company's matching gift program today!

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